

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-7 are pending in this application. Claims 1, and 5-7, which are independent, have been amended. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification as originally filed, specifically at page 8. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which the Applicants are entitled. Claim 1 is hereby amended, thereby obviating the objection.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1 and 5-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly indefinite. Claims 1 and 5-7 are hereby amended, obviating the rejection.

III. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S Patent No. 5,999,169 to Lee. Applicants have reviewed the rejection and respectfully request the rejection be withdrawn for the following reasons.

Independent claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

“...wherein the server means loads, at the time of start-up, a script file describing a status transition of the input device in the script language and information relating to

incompatible applications that are to be executed, reads the status transition corresponding to the operation of the input device, and executes the operation corresponding to the status transition.” (emphasis added)

As understood by Applicant, U.S Patent No. 5,999,169 to Lee relates to a method and system for providing a user interface with a graphical user interface (GUI) computer system. This includes receiving a user input command signal, representative of movements of respective first and second user input mechanisms for two-dimensional movements, resolving the first and second signals from the user input command signal, operating a first displayed symbol based on the first signal, and operating a second displayed symbol based on the second signal.

Applicants submit that nothing has been found in the cited portions of U.S Patent No. 5,999,169 to Lee (hereinafter merely “Lee”) that would teach or suggest, a server means that loads, at the time of start-up, a script file describing a status transition of the input device in the script language and information relating to incompatible applications that are to be executed, as recited in claim 1.

Therefore, Applicants submit that claim 1 is patentable.

Independent claims 5-7 are similar in scope and are believed patentable for similar reasons.

IV. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosures in the cited reference, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference providing the basis for a contrary view.

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In view of the foregoing remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

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